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To Whitney Shepardson,
Director SI Branch
Washington D.C.

From J.G. O'Connor
Colonel, O.D.

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Subject :

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1.- Referring to my letter of May 30th concerning above subject, I am enclosing reports received concerning topics listed below. Without editing, I am sending these to you to assist in evaluation of subject; that you may have additional background respecting cables which I am preparing relating to future use of this source; and to invite your earliest comments in furtherance of any particular topic.

2.- I hope to send you by next pouch translation of the very sketchy reports in French, typed by subject, a man of [REDACTED] years working under the restrictions of inferior hotel accommodations and security. The reports in French are in reply to questions asked of subject by Catp. Trammell, N.A., and are being forwarded by him in the original to the Navy Department. Topics #1, #2, #3 are in response to my questions through Rose. Topics #5, #6, #7, #8, are based on reports from subject through Paprika to me only, and not disseminated to Trammell or to the British.

- #1.- Russian-Japanese NON-aggression(neutrality) pact
- #2.- American air-bases in Siberia.
- #3.- Russo-Japanese agreement-- Sakhaline.
- #4.- Russian Policy in Europe -- Russian Policy in Asia.
- #5.- Russian Foreign Office & Foreign Policy.
- #6.- Observations during [REDACTED] stay in Russia
- #7.- Some factors in Japanese Policy --
- #8.- Study of new Bulgarian Cabinet
- #9.- Difference in attitude of Japan towards America and towards Great Britain
- #10.- Food situation in Japan
- #11.- Clothing situation in Japan
- #12.- Sanitary situation in Japan.

3.- These reports are couched in tedious diplomatic phraseology, undoubtedly a characteristic of the source. I have not submitted these papers to the reporting board here, with the exception of #7, as the development of source is in a formative stage, about which I am commenting in separate letter.

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4.- It is difficult to evaluate the reports, and in many respects they are very general in scope, but full recognition should be given to the source [REDACTED]. He is not in favor with his own Government, having continuously taken issue with their foreign policy concerning Germany. Subject has excellent contacts [REDACTED]. He acquainted us with the name of the new Foreign Minister, [REDACTED] several days before the information was received from any other source. You will note also that subject predicted inclusion of a communist into the new Italian Cabinet, which is now announced in the person of Tagliati, communist in the Bonomi Cabinet.